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**Grace Baptist Church
Westlake, Ohio**

It all began with a prayer meeting — October 19, 1949. From such a humble beginning the Grace Baptist Church of Westlake has grown . . . to the glory of God!

Originally the work was in Lakewood, Ohio. Later the congregation purchased a church building from the Lutherans and moved to Rocky River where they remained for 16 years.

Today, they are located at 23096 Center Ridge Road in Westlake, Ohio. The Lord is blessing in every way! As you can see, their new structure

is most attractive!

Pastor Douglas Couch informs us that the approximate cost for the building, furnishings, architects and loans was \$175,000. There are over 10,000 square feet with an attractive auditorium that has a seating capacity of 550. Besides this, the church has purchased 10 acres of land and a parsonage for the sum of \$45,000.

There are some unusual features in the church building. These are stained glass windows with their individual symbols, indirect lighting behind a 20' high cross and high "pray-

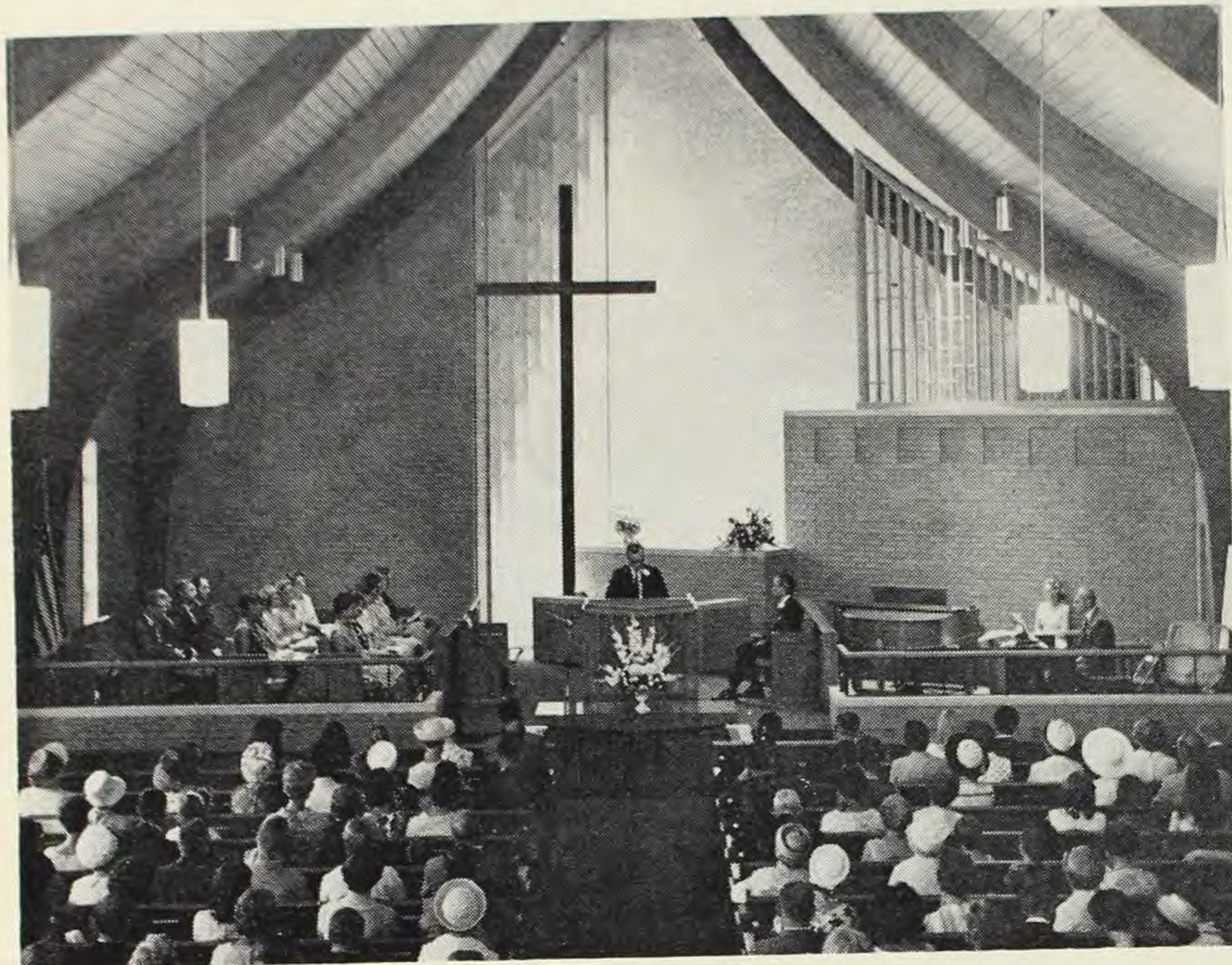
ing hands" arches. The pastor's study is panelled in deep walnut with a burnt orange carpet. All the rooms are well lighted, brightly decorated and well equipped.

A second addition is now under way which will add a 44' x 50' utility area that will be used for class room space as well as a youth activity gymnasium.

Your editor had the privilege of ministering at this church in January of this year. These are a most gracious people. The building is indeed a thing of beauty!

On the front cover . . .

We show an exterior shot of the Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio. Here we see the front of their spacious and lovely auditorium. If ever you are near the church, drop in and see this attractive structure for yourself. You will be impressed!



Rev. Douglas R. Couch is the present pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio. His ministry began there in 1963. We asked Brother Couch to give us a "word of testimony." He submitted the following. It makes such good reading, we felt that we should share all of it with our readers.



Rev. Douglas R. Couch

A Sunday School teacher one day said to a freckle-faced, red-haired little rascal, "Did you know that your name was in the Bible?" This stopped him from pestering everyone around him long enough to say, "What — my name in the Bible?" "Yes," she said, and then started quoting John 3:16. . . "For God so loved Douglas Couch. . ."

This was the beginning of a wonderful series of dealings with my heart by the Lord.

I attended Bob Jones University where the call that I had felt earlier to full time service, was confirmed. After graduation in May of 1952, I was ordained. This was in June. In July, I candidated at my first church. I was married in August and went to my first full-time pastorate in August!

My wife and I met after a Junior young peoples party at the church. She put her hands in my jacket pocket to keep warm when we were on our way home. Her hands have been in my pockets almost ever since!

We have three children. They are Linda — 13, Joy — 9 and Scott — 5. Grace Baptist Church here in Westlake is our third pastorate. We were in Salem, Michigan for three years and eight years in Lima, Ohio.

The Lord has been good to us, giving us a new church, a fine growth, and an unusually alert congregation. Our life verse sums it up very well — Proverbs 3:5, 6 — "Trust the Lord . . . and He shall direct your paths."

Editor's Note: We believe that even greater things are in store for the folk at Westlake as they continue forward under the leadership of their pastor.

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Thank You

Mr. Harry Sanders!

You say — "Who is Mr. Harry Sanders?" Well, let me tell you who he is! Our brother is one of those who has been reading (*and saving*) The Ohio Independent Baptist for many years.

Do you recall in our MARCH issue that we asked for certain "back copies" of the O.I.B.? The other day, to our delight, we received this large bundle of O.I.B. magazines from Mr. Sanders. They go back as far as the year — 1935! In some cases, he was able to send us *complete* years! This is really wonderful.

When we took over this work as editor, we were surprised to learn that there was not a complete file on back issues of the O.I.B. Why this was not done, we don't know. Now, thanks to Brother Sanders, and a few others like him, we have two files. One runs from 1956 to the current issue. The other file goes back to 1936 to the current issue.

Do us a favor and ransack your attic, search your basement, rummage your closets and see if YOU can't come up with back issues of the O.I.B. We would be eternally grateful!

We list here the issues needed to make our file complete 1936 to the present issue. Have you any of the following?

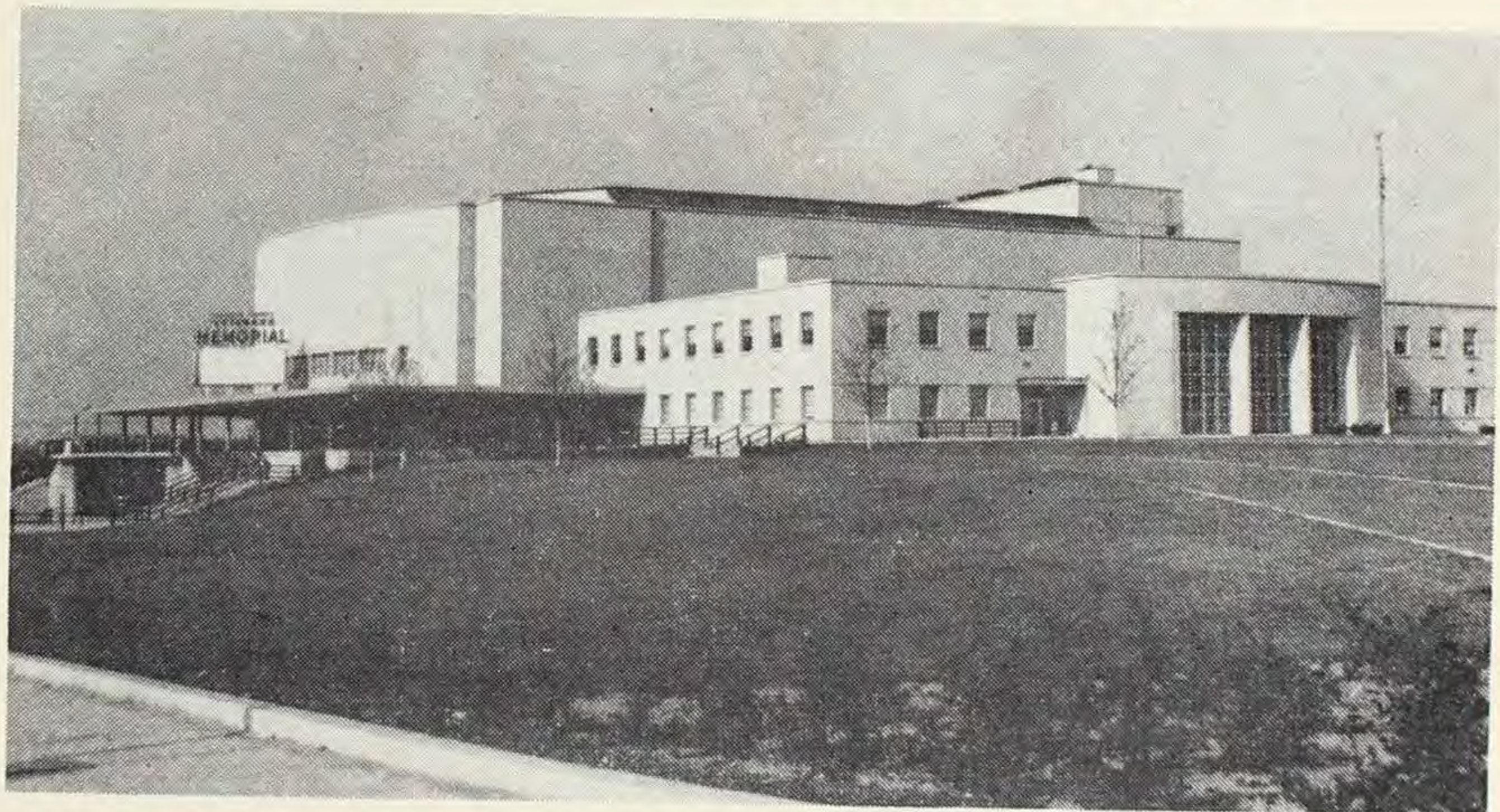
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- 1956 — May
- 1955 — January
- 1953 — June
- 1951 — July
- 1949 — January
- 1946 — February, March, July, September and October
- 1945 — January, March and May
- 1944 — December
- 1943 — February, July and December
- 1942 — February, October, November and December
- 1941 — January and May
- 1940 — May and October
- 1939 — June
- 1936 — July

We have nothing prior to 1936. Do let us hear from you!

Calendar of Events

- May 18 — State-Wide Youth Rally, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
- May 27 - June 1 — Work Week at Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island, Ohio
- June 6 — Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland Commencement Exercises
- June 6, 7, 8 — OARBC Men's Retreat, Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island, O.
- June 7, 8 — Cedarville College Baccalaureate and Commencement Services
- June 24-28 — National GARBC Conference, Rochester, New York
- August 12-25 — 7th World Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches, Cape May, New Jersey
- September 9-12 — Cedarville College Pastors Conference, Cedarville, O.
- October 14-16 — OARBC Annual State Conference, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio — Women's Missionary Union (State-wide) will also meet at this time.

O.A.R.B.C. Youth Rally — May 18



Pictured above is the VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, Columbus Ohio. It is here that *the big event for this month* — the STATE-WIDE YOUTH RALLY — will be held. The date is May 18th and the time, 12:00 noon.

This beautiful building is located on WEST Broad Street in downtown Columbus. It is "ideal" for such a rally! It has many fine features such as ample parking space for cars, plenty of room in the building for the many Workshops, and a large auditorium with excellent acoustics.

The Workshops include everything from "Who Says You Can't Roller Skate In A Buffalo Herd?" and "Hip, Hairy and Hippie" to "How To Know God's Will." The program also includes Rev. Fred Bischoff as guest speaker. He is a man with a message for youth. Brother Bischoff is Director of an active youth program called "Youth For Truth" which has its headquarters in St. Petersburg, Florida.

ALL REGISTRATIONS should be mailed to Rev. Kenneth Andrus, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, 316 S. Kensington Place, Springfield, Ohio — 45503. Registrations cost \$2.25 per person. Mail your registration in today! DO IT NOW!

Remember the day (Saturday, May 18th) begins at 12:00 noon. Be there on time! The program has been so arranged that everyone will be on their way back home by 8:00 p.m.

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Ordination

Last January 28th, pastors and messengers from Independent Baptist Churches from the Portsmouth, Ohio area, met in council upon the invitation from the Madison Baptist Church to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry our brother, Donald Noel. The council made recommendation that the church proceed with Bro. Noel's ordination.

MEN'S RETREAT June 6, 7 and 8

Some men have already registered for our OARBC MEN'S RETREAT? How about YOU?

The dates for this year's retreat are June 6, 7 and 8. Registrations (along with the sum of \$2.00) should be sent to Rev. D. R. Moore, Swartz Road Baptist Church, 994 Swartz Road, Akron — 44319. The remaining balance of \$8.00 is to be paid after arriving at Camp Patmos.

Bible Teacher for this year will be Dr. Howard Sugden of Lansing, Michigan. His ministry will warm your heart.

Pastors should encourage their men to attend. They, too, should come with them. It will help you to get to know your men better. Enjoy three wonderful days of good food, clean fun and blessed fellowship!

P.T.L. In Vietnam

The Vietnam Teams of The Pocket Testament League live in constant danger as they continue the mass distribution of Scripture in the face of intensified military activities throughout South Vietnam.

Normal missionary work has been seriously disrupted throughout the country and many national churches have been ruined. Nevertheless the missionaries continue to cooperate in the important PTL ministry of distributing Gospels and preaching the message of salvation in refugee camps, prisons, hospitals, military installations and on the streets and house-to-house.

At one meeting in a children's prison 2,000 Gospels were given out. Another 2,000 were placed in a catholic school at its request. Four hundred were handed out in a public school for girls and 2,350 in a public school for boys. Thousands more are distributed in the market places and the military camps.

The PTL Team in Vietnam has set a goal of one million Gospels to be distributed there in 1968. They covet your prayers.

You Might Try This!

You know, the same old 25 adults and a few kids. The same little devotions, the same prayer requests, and then drag off to our separate rooms for prayer. When was the last time you tried anything new on Wednesday night? For some of us, the last new thing we did to help prayer meeting was to divide into groups so each could have their own prayer meeting, prayer time with others their own age or interest.

This was our problem until we faced it head on as a Board. What was prayer meeting doing for our church? More realistically, what was the church doing for our prayer meeting? The answer was a startling: NOTHING! Prayer meeting was the weakest meeting of the church, dying of neglect. About that time Moody Monthly carried an article about a church that grouped its activities on Wednesday night to appeal to the entire family. After searching out the pros and cons of such an idea, it was launched on the first Wednesday night of October, '67. Prayer meeting came to life with new blood.

Our schedule is the following: Choir, Boys Brigade and Pioneer Girls meet at 7:00 p.m. Nursery, Toddler and Primary Church along with the Adult Elective Courses meet at 7:30. At 8:15 a bell is rung. All activities in the building cease for a twenty minute prayer session right in the various groups. We have no opening assembly nor closing. We have plans for Prayer Bulletins each week, that will bring before all the groups the urgent missionary and local needs.

How is it all working out? If you call having between 140 and 150 out to prayer and praise service a success, then I guess we could say that it has done extremely well. It will do two things for the church: first, it will put more people to work teaching. (Bible discussion groups are "in") and second, it will make Wednesday night a "Family Prayer Night." (Retrain young people to "think" prayer meeting.)

... Suggested by Rev. Douglas R. Couch,
Grace Baptist Church, Westlake, Ohio

Amidst the
unspeakable suffering
and confusion of
war in Vietnam,



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of mass evangelism and Scripture distribution. Remember our staff and their families in prayer. A million more Gospels for Vietnam is our goal for '68.

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International
Director

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49 Honeck Street, Englewood, New Jersey 07631

ALFRED A. KUNZ,
International
Director Emeritus

A Call To Revival

— by Rev. Lewis E. Hunter —

The author of this article is Rev. Lewis E. Hunter, First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ohio. This dear brother recently had a heart attack and has been instructed by his doctor to be most careful with matters pertaining to his health.

The Lord is blessing the work in Brunswick. The following message is built upon the popular revival text of II Chronicles 7:14. We do well to apply its truth to our hearts!

When an American thinks of his country's progress, it is in terms of material improvements.

We are perfecting motors which have reduced friction to a minimum. We are developing a society which has increased friction and lawlessness to a maximum. This is a crucial hour.

What is the cure for this day in which we live? Is it too late? Has God forgotten us? I am glad when I read Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." No, God has not forgotten, but with every promise that God has made in His Word, there is a condition for man to meet.

As we look back in the Scriptures, we read that Solomon prayed to God. We read in chapter seven that God appears to Solomon, verses 12-15, in answer to his prayer. Will you look with me at verse 14, as we break it down? For I believe this is the hope for this crucial hour.

II Chronicles 7:14 reads, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will heal their land."

IF MY PEOPLE . . .

We notice here that there must be other people besides God's people. A study of the Scripture teaches that there are two classes of people — not the rich and the poor, not the Jew and the Gentile, not the well and the sick, and not the white and the black. God's concern is with the saved and the lost; the children of God and the children of Satan. If you are saved, then you are a child of God. If you are unsaved, you are a child of Satan.

In John 3:3, Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again,

he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus asked Him how this could be. Jesus gave him the answer in John 3:14-15. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."



Rev. Lewis E. Hunter

In the 21st chapter of Numbers, we read that the people of Israel spoke against God and God sent the fiery serpents into the camp. Every one that was bitten was dying. The people cried out, "We have sinned!" and the Lord told Moses to make a fiery serpent. Moses made the fiery serpent of brass. Any man, when he beheld or looked at the serpent, lived.

As Moses lifted up that serpent in the wilderness, so was Jesus Christ lifted up for the sins of man. Every one that looks to Him, trusting in His shed blood, shall live. This is how we become the children of God.

. . . WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME . . .

The disciples were called Christians for the first time at Antioch. They

were called Christians because they were acting like Christ — not because they were born in America or because their parents were Christians. We need people today who are true Christians with actions like Christ. A Christian walk should be a Christ-like walk. A Christian talk should be a Christ-like talk. God would have those who claim to be Christians to be Christ-like.

. . . SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES . . .

Often times we take the word "humble" as a sign of weakness or a sign of fear. There was no weakness or fear about Jesus Christ, yet we read in Philippians 2: 6-8, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." The Lord has no blessing for the heart that is full of haughtiness. He reserves His blessing for the heart that is emptied of self. It is the most humble who are the worthies. It is the best-filled stalk of corn that bends its head the lowest.

. . . AND PRAY . . .

The prayers of God's people can change the course that America is now traveling. We are fighting a war in Viet Nam that, the leaders of our country predict, could last from ten to twenty years. The Communists are ninety miles from the coast of Florida. We now have Communist sympathizers in high places. If America has an enemy, it is Communism. Their desire is to take over the world.

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Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don



"O.K. Teens, let's really belt out this number now!"

Dear Teen Talk:

Our youth group really lacks! It has nothing to offer and few are involved. Most of the kids act up and the others are bored. Some claim to be Christians, but do not act like it. What can I do?

Signed,
DISTRESSED

Dear Distressed:

Sorry to say you are not alone in your plight. We have received many letters from teens expressing similar problems. The following combination of ideas may help unlock the door to a more successful youth program:

1. Spiritual adult leadership who love, understand and are willing to spend time with teens.
2. Teens who are willing to be participators and not spectators.
3. Sunday evening youth program material that clicks with your group.
4. A balanced program that supplies variety in the evening youth hour, experience in Christian service and opportunities for meaningful social activities.
5. No cliques that cause divisions.
6. Prayer support by the congregation.
7. Financial backing from the church budget.

None of these are sufficient in themselves, but together they will provide the answer to the spiritual needs that exist in your group. We suggest you go to your pastor if your youth program does not measure up.

Signed,
TEEN TALK

Dear Teens:

We have a series of questions on witnessing such as:

- (1) How can I witness to others and lead my friends to Christ?
- (2) How can you tell someone who is dying about Christ?
- (3) How can I be more effective in my witness at school?

Here are some important principles that you should keep in mind when you witness:

- (1) Every Christian should witness. It's not do I feel like it, but rather it is my responsibility to my buddies and friends outside of Christ.
- (2) Every Christian should know what to witness about. Christ is now the center of the Christian teen's life and you should tell your friends about Him and what He has done since He has come into your life.
- (3) Every Christian should be prepared to witness. Carry tracts with you wherever you go and be sure you know how to lead someone to Christ. Get a hold of the "4 Spiritual laws and memorize them."
- (4) Every Christian should pray about witnessing. The reason why kids don't witness is because of a lack of a devotional time in which you get prepared to speak up for the Lord. Ask the Lord at the start of each day — "Lord, lead me to someone today" and watch what happens.

Yours for Souls,
TEEN TALK

Wondering? Bewildered? Need Advice? Well . . . then . . . send your letters, questions and comments to TEEN TALK, 23096 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio — 44145.



Young People are invited to . . .
TEEN WEEK with "Bud Lyles"
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"Bud Lyles" is an outstanding Youth Leader. He writes a regular column for youth in the pages of the Sword of the Lord, a Christian weekly paper with a circulation of almost 100,000. He has a message geared to youth!

Camp Patmos - Work Week!

Last month we made a plea for help during our WORK WEEK at Camp Patmos. Starting day is May 27th and it will soon be here! We stand in need of YOUR help!

If you haven't already heard, the major project this year at camp is a new, properly constructed swimming pool. The trustees have based their decision to "go ahead" on faith and the availability of volunteer labor. . . *We can't proceed without it!* Please rearrange some of your plans and **GIVE US A HAND**. It'll be real fun, Christian fellowship, healthy outdoor exercise, wonderful food and quiet restful nights. You can't lose and we could all benefit tremendously with your help.

The first boat leaves Marblehead at 8:30 a.m.

Starting in early May we *must have help available* for critical periods of the work for on the pool . . . Won't you consider putting your name on the "CALL LIST" for such assistance?

In most cases you can arrange to fly to camp from the Sandusky or Southwest Cleveland areas.

To sign up on the call list (Flying Squad) and/or arrange for a flight to camp, call or write to:

Sheldon Fisher
15386 Boone Road,
Columbia Station, Ohio 44028
Phone (216) 236-3315

If you didn't notice in the O.I.B. last month . . . the camp needs a good serviceable bus and a two wheel utility trailer. If you can suggest a source for either, mention it when you call or write to "Shell". **SEE YOU AT CAMP!**



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1968 - Camp Schedules

Camp Patmos

	Dates	Directors	Speakers
Junior	June 17-22	Martin Holmes	Darrell Bice
Junior	June 24-29	Leland Howard	Warren Lewis
Junior High	July 1-6	Dave Truit	Woodrow McCaleb
Senior	July 8-13	Lynn Rogers	Don Sewell
Junior	July 15-20	Mike Hooks	John Wood
Junior High	July 22-27	Richard Snavelly	Lee Turner
Junior	July 29-Aug. 3	Ken Andrus	Joe Fritz
Senior	Aug. 5-10	Paul Schenck	W. W. Welch
Junior	Aug. 12-17	Bruce Snyder	Gene Collings
Junior High	Aug. 19-24	Howard Andrus	Don Moffat
Jr. Hi.-Senior	Aug. 26-31	Marvin Engle	Dean Henry

Scioto Hills

	Dates	Deans	Missionaries
Senior	June 24-29	(Not Confirmed)	(Not Confirmed)
Jr. (Boys and Girls)	July 1-6	Branson Howard	Bernard Bancroft
Junior High	July 8-13	Warren W. Allen	Karl Luyben
Junior Boys	July 15-20	Harold Green	Floyd Kester
Junior Girls	July 22-27	Pat Ocheltree,	Floyd Kester
		Margaret Green and	
		Rose Marie Driskill	
Junior High	July 29-Aug. 3	George Zinn	Floyd Kester
Jr. (Boys and Girls)	August 5-10	Wilbur Parrish	Karl Luyben
Hi-Teens	August 12-17	Ken Nichols	Karl Luyben

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Bowling Green Sells and Buys

The First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio has recently sold their church and parsonage and has purchased five acres of land in a new growing area of the city. The church has grown to the place where the old building has become too small.

Pastor Bruce N. Stewart states that the building committee is working with an architect on new plans and trust that a new building will be erected as soon as possible. The church after the 1st of July will be meeting in their Annex Building until it is sold or the new building is ready.

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—Mrs. George Milner — Women's Editor—

GEMS and GLEANINGS

"God writes with a pen that *never* blots, speaks with a tongue that *never* slips, and acts with a hand that *never* fails."

"God's will for calling *never* violates God's will for conduct."

"Heavenly power is *never* furnished for earthly parade."

"We may betray Christ by our silence as well as by our speech."

"We can't all be Apostles, but we can be 'living Epistles.'"

"God's will is never in violation or contradiction to His Word."

May our blessed Heavenly Father remind us and may we LISTEN as He speaks to remind us of WHOSE we are and WHOM we serve, every moment of each day.

Echoes

It was a very rainy, dreary morning facing the residents in the Cleveland area on Thursday, March 21st, however over 100 women braved the elements to attend the Berean Women's Missionary Spring Rally held at the Grace Baptist Church in Westlake from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The women at Grace had lovely name tags for us, furnished lovely salads, desserts and beverage with each lady furnishing her own sandwich. The host church captured the Attendance Banner for having the largest number present. We shall see if they will keep it at the September Fall Rally!

Our president Mrs. Walter Haller of Euclid-Nottingham church presided, Mrs. Tunis Vet of Grace church gave the welcome. The theme for the day was, "This do ye — in remembrance of ME," (1 Cor. 11:25).

Following good unison singing the business session consisted of reading the minutes by the secretary Mrs. Wilbur Rooke, the treasurer's report by Mrs. O. Stevens and election of officers with the following results: President — Mrs. Walter Haller, Treasurer — Mrs. O. Stevens.

"*Israel and Prophecy*" was the theme for a most interesting and informative period, led by Rev. Douglas Couch, pastor of the host church and Rev. Leeland Crotts, director of the Hebrew Christian ministry under Baptist Mid-Missions in Cleveland.

"*Missionary Moments*" conducted By Mrs. George Milner, presented the following missionaries for a short testimony of what they were doing "at present" in the light of our theme for the day: Rev. Leeland Crotts, Rev. & Mrs. Howard Street, Miss Geneva Fox, Miss Lucille Brouillet and Mrs. Dale Davis. Mrs. Davis was the *missionary speaker* during the afternoon session. SUGGESTION — please contact Baptist Mid-Missions for any or all of these missionaries, to learn of their dedicated service to the Lord of the Harvest "in remembrance of ME" (Jesus Christ). Give them to speak — more than just a few minutes. Your hearts will be blessed.

The Project for the day was Camp Shalom (near Huntsburg), a camp for boys and girls in the Cleveland area, and adults too. If you have a mind to work and/or to give for a project, this is worthy and the needs are tremendous. Contact Dr. Allan Lewis or Rev. Denzel Osburn at Baptist Mid-Missions for information, also Rev. Leeland Crotts, 4014 Stilmore Road, Cleveland — 44121, Phone: 381-4207. Some of the items brought

in at the Rally were 29 four-piece table settings (stainless steel), 52 pot holders, 6 dish towels, 1 each of fruit slicer, large measuring cup, mixing spoon, butcher knife, hand egg beater, hand chopper, spatulas, bottle openers etc. 1 pair hot pan gloves. The offering was for Camp Shalom and the speakers.

The Fall Rally will be held Thursday, September 19th, at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland Hgts. Circle the day on your calendar, also remember to help with the Missionary Cupboard at the Baptist Mid-Missions Tri-Annual Conference, November 16-20, with a large Women's Meeting on the 19th in the Hayden Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, at their monthly Missionary Luncheon on March 14th, had Mrs. Al. (Mary Kay) Casto as the missionary speaker, telling of their work among the Mexican people in Texas. Her husband is now in the Baptist Mid-Missions office and they can be reached at 10386 Manorford Drive, Parma Hgts., 44130 as missionary speakers. At this meeting a lovely personal and linen shower was given for Mrs. Dale Davis. They have now left the Alaska field after many years of service to take up a ministry in Las Vegas, Nevada, which missionaries Rev. & Mrs. Phil Douglas had to give up because of his illness. Mrs. Jon Rouch, president, presided at this meeting.

Recipe for "YUMMIES"

Sift together:

1¾ cup sifted cake flour
½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. baking powder
½ cup cocoa
1 cup sugar

Cream together: ½ cup shortening (not oleo) into sifted mixture, add 1 egg, 1 tsp. vanilla, ¼ cup milk.

Mix thoroughly and drop on greased cookie sheet.

Bake in 350 degree oven for 8 minutes. Do not over-bake.

Remove from oven and press ½ marshmallow cut-side down on top of each cookie (36 or 40 cookies). Bake 2 minutes longer.

Cool. Top with the following frosting:

5 tbsp. cocoa, 2 cups sifted confection. sugar.

¼ tsp. salt, 3 tbsp. soft butter, 4 or 5 tbsp. light cream.

Optional — ½ pecan over the frosting.

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Stirring Missionary Conference



The Fourth Annual Missionary Conference held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo proved to be a blessing to many.

Seen above are those missionaries who took part in the conference. They are Dr. and Mrs. James Entner, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Nicklas and Rev. Russell Ebersole.

Key speaker for the conference was Rev. W. Thomas Younger of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The theme was "A Heart For Missions." A number of decisions were made and some of the young people dedicated their lives for full time service for the first time.

Special Week for Teens



Seen in the above picture are Rev. Ken Nichols, Youth Director, (seated at desk) and young people of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, planning their "special Week for Teens."

These special meetings were held in mid-March and proved to be most successful. The purpose was to reach the "teens" of the Springfield area.

The program arranged was filled with good music good speakers, an excellent film — as well as, FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Most of the work in setting up the program was handled by the young people themselves.

W C D R -FM Continues to Grow

Nothing is quite so thrilling as the development and growth of Cedarville College. From a small beginning, in a very short period of time, a miracle has taken place! Truly, the Lord has done the exceeding abundantly above all that one could ask or think! With the Psalmist we say . . . "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes!"

No one phase of growth in the College program has been more exciting than that of its radio station WCDR-FM. Growing from 10 watts to 3,650 watts in a four year period. WCDR-FM on the Cedarville campus has begun a new outsearch into the surrounding cities of Dayton, Springfield and Xenia.

The station operates on an increased schedule of 7:00 a.m. to midnight each day — Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. The new programming has been picked up as far as Allegan, Michigan, 275 miles north and is reaching a growing audience in Southwestern Ohio.

Programming includes easy-to-listen-to-music such as classical and

sacred interspersed with news sports, special events, and special-interest programs. The major thrust of the station is to provide information, entertainment, and Christian emphasis in a well-organized and structured format.

The station has adopted the theme, "Sound of the World's Beautiful Music" as its broadcast format.

News reporting, under the direction of Gary Taylor, a junior at Cedarville, has expanded this year to include local events, road conditions, police reports, and news of service-



Mr. Gathany Checks Equipment

men. Newscasts are given at five minutes of the hour throughout the day with a major wrap-up of news and sports each evening at 6:00 p.m.

The backbone of this station is its manager, Mr. Paul Gathany, a graduate of Cedarville College. He now serves the college as a member of its faculty, and also holds a first class engineer's license and directs the staff.

An important feature of the station's programming is its on-the-spot coverage of Cedarville's "Yellow Jackets" — the college's basketball team. All games are covered whether they are at home or away.

The station is especially unique in that it is staffed totally by students who work without pay. The station operates on a limited budget with much of its expansion dependent upon donations. The cost of staffing the station professionally with identical programming has been estimated at nearly \$45,000 annually.

We urge our readers to pray for Mr. Gathany and his staff. Let us praise the Lord for His hand in causing Cedarville to move ahead!

God Is Blessing

The Children's Gospel Hour



Rev. & Mrs. Geiger Study the Script

For years, our brother Rev. Henry C. Geiger of Livingston, Tennessee has advertised his work — The Children's Gospel Hour — in the pages of The Ohio Independent Baptist.

This work is being greatly blessed of the Lord. From a very small beginning, it has continued to grow, so that today, the program is being viewed on 37 different television stations and heard over 70 radio stations.

Children from all over are being reached with the gospel. We are happy to run this article so that more of our readers might know of this fine work.

Today in the United States two-thirds of our boys and girls, or about 35,000,000 are not attending Sunday School or Church. They are growing up in a society where moral standards are constantly being lowered. Temptations to sin are presented to them through the printed page, movies, radio and television. The spirit of lawlessness and rebellion is seen in the alarming increase in juvenile crime. But not all of these unfortunate, neglected boys and girls are wanting to indulge in crime or sinful pleasures.

Here in the office of the Children's Gospel Hour we receive letters from boys and girls who watch our television programs. They ask for the Gospel of John or other Scripture booklets which we offer and they tell us what they want most of all. A girl from New York said,

"I want God to forgive all my sins I have made. I will ask God to forgive them all."

From Georgia we received this word,

"I am not saved. Would you please send me some-

thing that would help me come to the Lord. I am only 12 years old and I would like to be saved."

From Ohio a boy wrote,

"Please send me the Gospel of John so I may better find the way to God."

No doubt there are boys and girls like these in every town, every city, every county and every state who want to be saved. God wants them to come to Him for Jesus said,

"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Mt. 18:14.

But they will perish unless they hear the Gospel. The apostle Paul said,

"How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Rom. 10:14.

These thousands who long for salvation and all the rest of the 35,000,000 boys and girls who are not attending Sunday School need to hear the Gospel now. Next year may be too late. To reach millions with the Gospel God has enabled men to invent radio and television. Practically every boy and girl in the United States can be reached now by either radio or television. There are no barriers or closed doors to these media. You "are there" in their homes or in their cars or wherever they have their radios or television sets.

By God's grace and through the prayers and gifts of God's people, the Children's Gospel Hour is broadcasting the Gospel each week over 70 radio and 37 television stations. Many boys and girls whose hearts are longing to be saved are hearing the good news of salvation which is in Christ Jesus, God's Son, Who died for our sins and



Questioning the Choir

rose again. The Spirit of God is taking the Word of Christ and is using it to bring many of these precious souls to Him for eternal life and forgiveness. From Pennsylvania a girl wrote:

"Your program has helped me to receive Christ as my Saviour."

From Missouri a boy said;

"It is good to bring the Gospel to us children. I was helped to be a Christian by watching your program."

A girl from Tennessee wrote:

"I watched your show today. I stayed in my room and prayed to God to forgive my sins and He did and now I am a Christian."

We rejoice in this privilege of broadcasting the Gospel for we have His promise that His Word will not return unto Him void and we rejoice with the angels over the ones God is saving. Each week many thousands of boys and girls are learning of Jesus Christ and His salvation so pray that many will receive Him as Lord and Saviour.

But there are boys and girls around us and millions across the land who have not yet heard the good news of Life in Christ. We must do all we can to tell them. For us it means that we must get our programs on more radio and television stations. We are contacting stations but prayer must be made for them to accept our series. The stations do not charge us for time and we thank God for this "open door," and they do not pay us for our programs. It costs \$5.00 a month to provide a radio station with 4 of our programs and \$10.00 a month to provide a television station with 4 of our films. Through the 22 years that the Children's Gospel Hour has been on

radio and the 13 years that the program has been on television God has provided for the needs. We believe that He will provide for the needs of all the stations that will be added. Pray that more stations will be added, and that all needs will be provided.

More programs for radio and television must be made so pray that we will have His wisdom as we prepare to produce them. We now have 52 half-hour TV programs and are supplying them in color or black and white films to the stations. Our radio tapes and TV films are instruments in God's hands to reach the youth of our nation with the Gospel of His grace. Now is the time to send forth this message of Life, for Jesus said,

"Say not ye, there are four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35



Televising the Program

Protest C.O.C.U. Meeting In Dayton

The American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches combined their forces in protesting the false ecumenical impression made by the Consultation on Church Union when it met recently in Dayton, Ohio (March 25-28).

A meeting was held by the ACCC and the ICCU in the Dayton Baptist Temple. An estimated crowd of over 600 were present. Major speakers were Dr. Carl McIntyre and Rev. Marion Reynolds, Jr.

The Consultation on Church Union, formerly called the Blake-Pike Proposal, is a plan to unite 10 of the major Protestant denominations of this country into one super-church which could have the largest Protestant membership in the world!

Action that came out of the meeting of the C.O.C.U. was that steps for the amalgamation of these various denominations be finalized no later than 1970. How so very much all of this fits into the Biblical prophecies concerning the "latter days!"

A.B.W.E. Conference In Columbus

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio recently completed a four day Missionary Conference featuring ABWE personnel. The Rev. Terrence Bowers presented the work of the aviation ministry along the Amazon River in Brazil; the Rev. Wm. Stoner challenged the congregation with the work in Chile; and Rev. Harold Amstutz, Candidate and Deputation Secretary, reported on his recent trip to the various mission stations in the Philippines.

New Faculty Member At Cedarville College

The Cedarville College family welcomes a new member, Dr. Larry S. Helmick, as assistant professor in chemistry. Dr. Helmick, a 1963 alumnus, has received his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry from Ohio University.

The college trustees have approved two musical teams to tour this summer in the interests of Cedarville College. The Guardsmen, a quartet, and the Victors, a trio, will travel through northeastern United States presenting music and slides.

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And these...

"turned to God from idols"

The following is an excerpt from a recent letter written by Miss Patsy King who is serving the Lord under Baptist Mid-Missions in Bangassou, Central African Republic.

Little do we realize the abysmal darkness in which these of heathen land dwell!

Our Bible School opened February 7th. We have a total of 40 students enrolled. (20 couples). On the opening day, we had them give testimonies. My how our hearts rejoiced in what the Lord had done. One testimony went as follows —

"When I was a small child my parents died, so a relative of my father took me to care for me. He did not know the true God, but rather had a stick which was his idol. When he would have food to eat, he would first give some to the stick, and talk to the stick, asking it to keep him and his household from dangers and to bring money to them. I was taught this until when I was about 12 years old, a pastor told me about God's great love in sending His only Son, Jesus, to the earth Who gave His life and blood for me, etc. I then trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

Idols still play a big part in the hearts and lives of many Africans today. This past Sunday, Elda Long (a fellow missionary) and I attended one of our out station churches. The pastor had kept some idols turned in by those who came to believe in the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. (I had asked the pastor to do this so I could take some to show the folk in the U.S.A.)

One idol is carved from wood. It is 18½ inches long and is in the shape of a snake. To tell all about

it and all "its powers" would take pages. It has an added "whistle" to call other spirits to it; has a metal ring around its "neck" on which are hung small metal rings for each man who died as a result of the curse of this idol. There is a smaller piece of carved wood with a knob handle which is rubbed on the idol's back — the same principle and effect of an ouija board.

Another item is a spirit house. As the name indicates, it is to house a spirit or more. It consists of small reeds tied together at the two ends, but bulged in the middle so there is room for the spirit. There is a little hole made to place food through which the spirit may eat. (The mice, ants, etc. get this!) The spirit house is hung inside the African house at the top of the door. Should it fall, only the man of the house is permitted to touch it. But, before he can touch it, he must kill a chicken, goat or some other animal, take some of the blood and put it on the spirit house. This is to appease the spirit. The spirit house is then returned to its place above the door!

Oh the darkness that covers them... the fears that hold them! There is superstition on every hand! How we praise the Lord for those who have come out of this darkness into the glorious light! We now seek to teach these "40" and others to become disciples and in turn take the message of the gospel to their people!

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Resolution On Human Relations

Editor's Note: we received the following from our brother Rev. David Lunney, Calvary Baptist Church, Norwalk, Ohio. In his letter accompanying this resolution Brother Lunney said, "I am enclosing a copy of the 'Resolution On Human Relations' which was unanimously passed at a business meeting in our church last night. We are going to place this as an ad in three area newspapers, and although it is combating a local issue, it is a great national problem." "As a church, we felt it necessary to speak out on the issue of 'open housing' even though the government of our nation at the present time is passing laws in regard to this issue."

"I only wish that more churches of our association would do the same. It may cost us a great deal, even the loss of property or life, but it will never take away our eternal life which we have in Jesus Christ."

Resolution unanimously passed at the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwalk
March 13, 1968

WHEREAS, the ministers of Huron County and the Village of Milan have been asked to endorse the "Resolution on Human Relations," to be made public through the news media during the week of March 17, with the following statement on "Open Housing":

"The following clergymen place themselves on record as favoring 'open housing' — the right of each individual to live where his economic means make it possible for him to live, without any restriction as to race, creed, color or national origin.

"The achievement of this goal is best accomplished when people voluntarily agree to sell or rent their property to any financially qualified purchaser or tenant.

"Where voluntary cooperation is resisted, we believe it lies within the province and responsibility of government — municipal, state, and federal — to adopt such legislation as will discourage prejudicial practices and insure 'open housing.'"

and

WHEREAS, our pastor received an invitation to endorse the above resolution,

WHEREAS, this resolution will be made public during "Brotherhood Week" with its emphasis upon building a great union of all churches simply for an organizational unity, without regard to the doctrinal distinctives of the churches,

WHEREAS, the modernistic churches are proclaiming a "Social Gospel" with its emphasis on "good works" as a means of salvation, contrary to Ephesians 2:8-10, attempting to change man externally without a radical change of the heart internally by means of the New Birth, contrary to the Word of God which says, "For out of it (the heart) are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23), and again, "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:20-23),

therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwalk, set forth the following statement as to our conviction:

We believe in "open housing" to the extent that each individual has a right to live where his economic means make it possible for him to live, without any restriction as to race, creed, color, or national origin.

We also believe in the right of the individual property owner to do with his property as he desires: the right to refuse to rent or sell to any and all persons.

We also believe that the government, whether municipal, state, or federal, has no right to force an individual property owner to rent or sell to any individual simply for the sake of insuring "open housing."

Blessing At Grand Rapids Conference



Ohio's Dr. John Balyo

The Lord blessed the Ninth Annual Seminary Bible Conference which was held at the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary last February 19 through 23.

Quite a number of our Ohio brethren attended the conference and all returned praising the Lord for the messages heard. One Ohio pastor graciously sent us a detailed report but the material arrived too late to appear in our April issue. Suffice it to say, at this late date, that a good time was had by all!

Along with other able Bible speakers this year were two Ohio brethren, Rev. Woodrow McCaleb and Dr. John Balyo. Reports have it that this is one of the great times of spiritual refreshing during the year.

Subscription Contest

The Annual O.I.B. Subscription Contest got under way last April 15th and will continue until May 15th. This is for ALL young people of our OARB Churches.

To the FIVE young people gaining the most points, will be given a FREE week at either Camp Patmos or Scioto Hills. (They have their own choice!)

Each new subscription counts for two points and each renewal for one point. COME ON young people . . . get your subscriptions in prior to the deadline of May 15th. Earn a FREE WEEK at camp. You can do it!

To all young people (other than the five winners of a FREE WEEK at camp) who earn at least 15 points, will be given a GIFT CERTIFICATE amounting to \$2.50. This will be redeemable at the Cedarville College Book Store.

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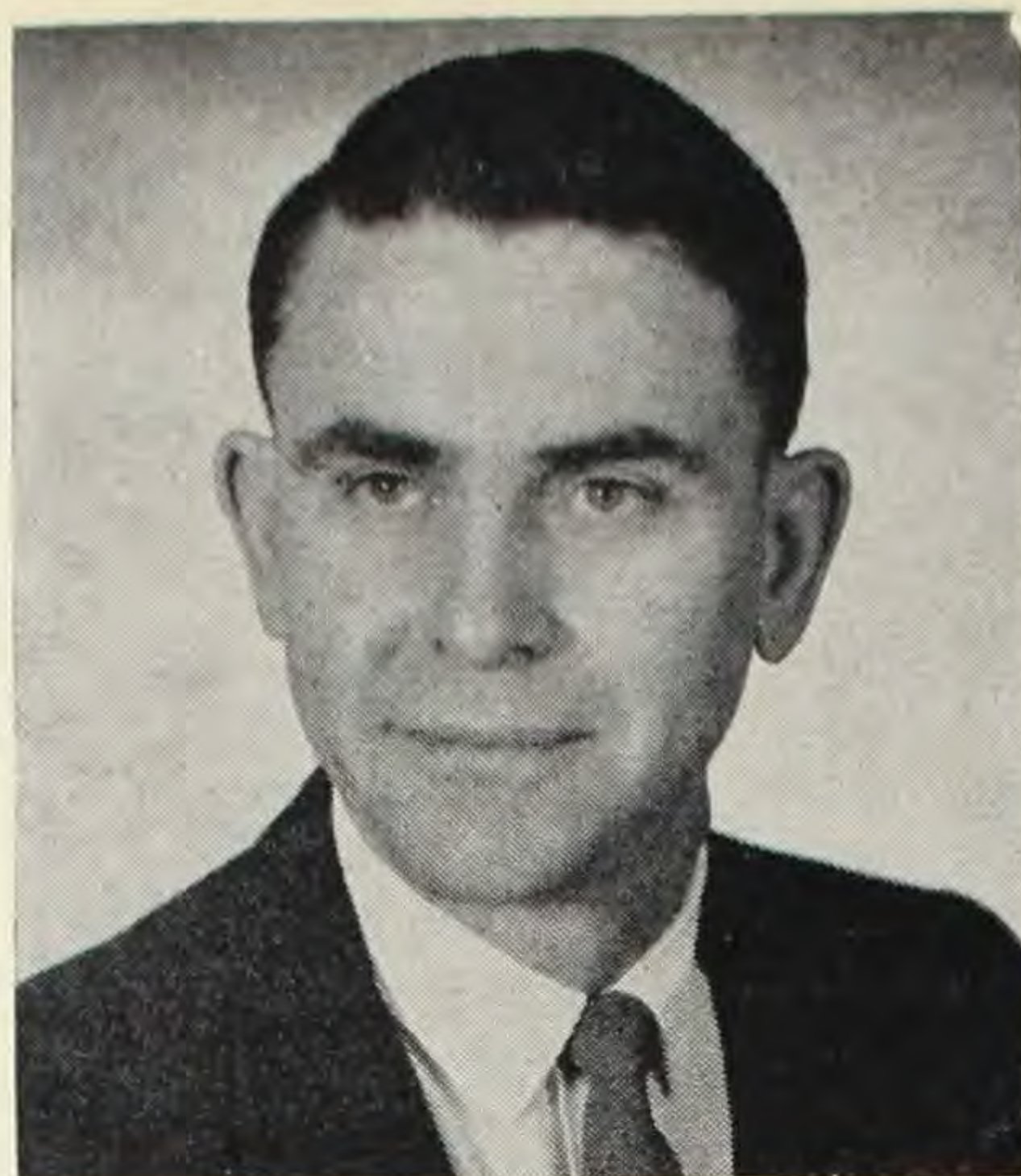
by Rev. Romyne Strickland

A growing company of experienced missionaries forced from their foreign battle field by circumstances beyond their power and choice are strengthening the home regiment. This difficult decision became ours in 1962 after thirteen years in the foreign service of the Baptist Mid-Missions family.

The First Baptist Church of Strongsville discovered near the close of 1961 that it was unable to maintain its ministry independent of outside assistance. Like a growing list of small struggling churches, they turned to Baptist Mid-Missions for a missionary pastor, who has major financial support from other sources. We became the second missionary family to labor with the handful of believers in Strongsville.

Early in their history, through wise leadership, they chose to be separated, Bible-believing Baptists. They sought the fellowship and were received into the Hebron Association, the Ohio Association and the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. This strengthens the hands of the small church by association with others of like precious faith. They can more easily keep abreast of the deceptive and destructive Anti-Christ religious developments.

The First Baptist Church has become known for its separatist stand. There can be no true Christian fellowship with the local ministerial association or at the Protestant-Catholic luncheon and dialogue convened in our community. We are known as the church "that doesn't dance, doesn't drink, doesn't smoke. . ." We were surprised at the showing of a missionary film to receive a group of Methodist ladies who had left their prayer meeting for the visit. "We are interested in what you are doing,"



Rev. Romyne Strickland

they said. We regret that many who know the Gospel are willing to feed on the "husks" of liberalism, the Readers' Digest or poetry.

Before the end of our first month of ministry we were required to vacate the old town hall. The Lord provided the modern facilities of the new City Hall auditorium as a temporary Sunday meeting place. On the first Sunday of January 1967, we moved into a new elementary school, believing the challenge of the high cost of rental would help to prepare us for a building program. The church is now negotiating for a home with three and one-half acres. We trust in the future to be able to begin construction of the first stage or educational unit.

Our vision and purpose is to build a strong indigenous separated Baptist testimony under the hand of God. As God provides through the prayers and assistance of fellow believers we plan to erect the first unit of an educational building. The Lord has rescued souls from the shackles of sin. Some have been baptized. Youth are learning to stand for Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit will commission some for His service. In time this body should mother other churches and strengthen missions at home and abroad. Brethren pray for us!

Rochester Bound!

Every pastor in our OARBC fellowship and many of their people should plan on attending the 37th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches June 24-28 in Rochester, New York.

If you've not made your reservations — DO SO NOW! For more detailed data concerning reservations write the GARBC Home Office, 180 Oakton Blvd., Des Plaines, Illinois — 60018.

The conference this year, like a ways, will be one of blessing and challenge to all. **PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

Tragedy and Blessing

Great meetings were held at First Baptist Church in Gallipolis recently with our brother, A. Donald Moffat as guest evangelist for the week. Many evidences were seen of the Lord dealing in hearts and lives in each service. The attendances were excellent, souls were saved, and hearts were made right with the Lord in complete surrender to Him. The revival fires are still burning at First Baptist.

Our wonderful God enabled our Brother Moffat to be Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered and Spirit-led in each message. The music, using two pianos and the organ, was enjoyed and a rich blessing to each one.

One of the high-lights of the meeting was the decision of an eighty-three year old man to accept Christ. The following Sunday he followed the Lord in baptism. This man's dear wife had prayed for him for forty years and, my, how they are rejoicing! God is still on the throne!

A sad aftermath of the December Silver Bridge tragedy — our church experienced another tragedy just recently in the death of the husband of one of our church members who was drowned when crossing the river on his way home from work in a outboard motor boat. One other man perished and two men were rescued. Needless to say, and once again, God worked in a mighty way in the hearts and lives of our people. The funeral service was held in the church Sunday afternoon, and was one of the largest ever in our city, with an overflowed church. We can only repeat again, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)



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— by Rev. John Kejr —

"And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom, and all his household. And it was told king David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness."

II Samuel 6:11, 12

This is a very impressive and instructive passage of Scripture. It was meant for all of God's people of succeeding ages and thus for us also. The kingdom of Israel under king Saul was in a sad condition. The very symbol of God's Presence, the ark of the covenant was stuck away in the house of Abinadab soon after that tragic day when the godless sons of Eli took it as a fetish into battle against the Philistines and where both were slain and the ark taken by the Philistines.

Although the Philistines brought the ark back no effort was made to restore it to its rightful place in Israel. And as result of the absence of the Presence of God the nation was in a bad way. There was war, disunity, disloyalty, unrest and dissatisfaction of all sorts. It was the fulfillment of the prophecy that Phineas' wife uttered at her child's birth and when she was dying he named her baby Ichabod, "The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken."

But then finally David becomes king over all Israel. And he discerned that the Presence and blessing of God was an absolute must in the nation. So he sets about to bring back the ark of the covenant, the symbol of God's Presence, from the house of Abinadab. There is no question that this was the right thing to do. But the way he did it was not right and it resulted in a tragedy, one man lost his life and David was confused and disgraced. Instead of the blessing of God which he expected the whole project back-fired in a curse. I Chron. 15:13 quotes David later as saying: "The Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought Him not after the due order."

Typical of Today

How typical of our present day condition is this episode. There is worldliness, disunity, disloyalty; we have strikes, demonstrations, riots, war, confusion and chaos. The situation can best be described by the

Your editor had the privilege of hearing the author of this article, Rev. John Kejr, of Wilson, Kansas deliver this message. It is fitting for the hour in which we now live. This dear brother is presently retired, but for many years pastored G.A.R.B. churches in the mid-west.

word — Ichabod, "The glory has departed from America." And there is, of course, a recognition of the fact that we must have a spiritual revival, that the Lord Himself must intervene or all is lost. And so everything is being tried, to get the Lord back into the picture.

As we again look into the record of II Sam. 6 we see David put on a "big campaign." He had a "crowd" of 30,000, he had a new cart to haul the ark on and Ahio went before, and Uzzah "drove the cart." There was a lot of music and ballyhoo. The whole idea was to work up a revival. The trouble was that it was in direct disobedience of what the Lord ordered.

It is to be feared that the "big" and the "new" things that are being tried to bring about a spiritual revival are not after God's "due order." God's due order is found only in His Word and it surely does not include civil disobedience, demonstrations, ecumenism, worldliness nor fellow traveling with the apostates.

But it is being tried anyway and it is seen to be back-firing as conditions go from bad to worse, plainly showing that God's Presence is not in it. And it seems doubtful that world wide or national revival can come. But, praise God, each individual Christian can have a revival in a detached way in his heart. And this we see to be true when we consider this man Obed-edom.

According to I Chron. 15:17-24 Obed-edom was a Levite. And look at this man's courage! We are told that after Uzzah put forth his hand to steady the ark and God smote him dead, "David was afraid of the Lord that day." The ark was like a hot potato to him, how can he get rid of it? We are told that it was taken

to the house of Obed-edom, most likely this courageous man asked for it with the thought: "If only I can find what God's due order is here I will have His Presence and blessing!"

We can well suppose that he sought out Zadoc and Abiathar the priests and that they checked into God's Word to find what the requirements are for God's Presence and blessing in any situation.

If David on that tragic day would have been discerning he would have noticed, as the ark was being loaded on the cart, that there were rings in each corner of that sacred box. He would have at once remembered that these were placed there at the direct command of God and were there so that the sticks by which the Kohathites were to CARRY the ark were slipped in, (Num. 7:9). Even if his memory failed him he should have consulted the Word of God and he would not have had any use for the "new cart" and the oxen, and Ahio and Uzzah.

Better to Obey God

But let us go back to Obed-edom. The resulting blessing of God on his household and "all that pertaineth unto him," cries out the fact that having obeyed God according to His due order that sweet abiding Presence of God in his own heart was his portion. And no doubt that because of God's presence in her heart Obed-edom's wife was one of those sweet virtuous women so rare, modest, and in behavior such as becomes women who profess godliness. And his children, no doubt, were not unruly delinquent teen-agers and drug addicts and demonstrators. And no doubt his business also prospered because of his obedience to the Word of God.

Let us profit by the example of Obed-edom, and in these days when national revival seems unlikely may we have the comfort of knowing that we can yet have it in our own heart, in our home, in our church and in our separated fellowships.

Great Day At Brookside Baptist



March 9 & 10 were joyous days at the Brookside Baptist Church located in Seven Hills a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

The celebration began with the Annual Membership and Anniversary Banquet where we welcomed new members.

Sunday was a memorable day in both services. A note to Westwood

Construction Company of \$15,000 was burned, and a note of \$83,325 to Cleveland Trust Company was cut in half and burned, representing a reduction of the total indebtedness from \$98,325 to \$41,662 in five years.

We were very happy with the ministries of Rev. & Mrs. Don Moffat as both added so much to the services and to the fellowship. Our Editor spoke 6 times in two days and Mrs. Moffat played the piano. We received forceful, spiritual and scriptural challenges to go forth and tackle the untouched task of reaching our area for Christ and the church.

Springfield Meetings

The Lord richly blessed by sending a spirit of revival during the special meetings held recently at the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio.

Under Holy Spirit empowered preaching by our brother, Evangelist Kenneth Dodson, many made vital and important decisions for Christ.

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Friends in the Warren, Ohio area will want to attend the special meetings of May 9 through 12 at the Bethel Baptist Church, 1244 To Ave., N.W. where our brother Rev. Kenneth Romig is pastor.

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Decisions At Northfield Meetings

Evangelist Paul Dixon of Chattanooga, Tennessee recently completed eight days of evangelistic meetings at the Northfield Baptist Church where our brother Rev. Lynn E. Rogers is pastor.

The Lord blessed with 65 decisions. Thirty-seven of these were professions of faith. Making up this total of 37 were 23 children, 4 teenagers and 10 adults. The attendance during the week night services averaged more than 250 per service.

The Sunday School of the Northfield Baptist Church averaged 401 during the month of March.

Report From Willoughby Church

In a recent report from the Grace Baptist Church, Willoughby, Ohio, we learned that through meetings of their Adult Fellowship, Ladies Missionary Society, a Youth for Truth program and by participating in a Missionary Conference at the Madison Ave. Baptist Church, Madison, Ohio hearts have been greatly blessed.

Guest speakers during March included Mr. Howard Domeck, a Christian lawyer and Mr. Gene McCort of Hi B.A. The work at Grace Baptist continues to move ahead to the glory of the Lord.

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. . . AND SEEK MY FACE . . .

I do believe there is but one way to truly seek the face of God. That is through His written word. If you wish to know something about a well known person, you will read his biography. The Bible is the biography of God. We can learn all about His love, His grace, His judgment and His wonderful way. Men

should only seek His face in this crucial hour.

. . . AND TURN FROM THEIR
WICKED WAYS . . .

It is wicked to not be one of God's children. It is wicked not to humble ourselves. It is wicked not to pray. It is wicked not to seek the face of God. It is just as wicked to not do the things mentioned here as it is to commit adultery or become a drunkard, or murderer. When a person turns from the creator to the created, this is wickedness. Turn from your wicked ways.

. . . THEN WILL I HEAR FROM
HEAVEN AND FORGIVE THEIR
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LAND.

What a blessing is recorded for the people, for the nation and all concerned. How wonderful that God so holy, pure, and powerful would hear when we pray. Just think of all the sins you ever committed. He, who is holy and pure, the one who knew no sin, will forgive.

Glimpses of Truth

from the

Greek New Testament
By Dr. Geo. Lawlor

TRIED — APPROVED

In I Peter 1:7, we read the remarkable words: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, *though it be tried with fire*. . ." It is the verbal expression "though it be tried" which is particularly significant and which deserves special attention. The word "tried" is a present participle (*dokimadzomenou*) derived from *dokimadzo*, which means: "to put to the test and examine, and thus prove something to be true or untrue." It is a term akin to a diagnosis. We bring the various things which confront us in our life and experience under close scrutiny, and make an adequate diagnosis of them as to their worth and value; we put them to the test and see if they are good and proper for us. If so, then we may endorse them. Such is the meaning of the verb in Phil. 1:10 — "That ye may *approve* (*dokimadzein*) things that are excellent."

Peter speaks in the text of our faith "being tried," i.e. being put to the test, proved, to bring out its genuineness. The faith indicated here is not the Christian faith, but the personal faith of individual believers. That genuineness of our faith which is the result of the testing is extremely valuable, and the testing is done in order that the proper value may be placed upon it. The world does not estimate our faith at its true worth and value, nor do many of our Christian friends. This is the word used in I Thess. 5:21, where believers are instructed to "keep putting all things to the test" (*dokimadzete*), i.e. to determine their proper value and character. Having done that, then we must hold fast that which is good. This is vital to our spiritual well-being in such times as these.

Informative and Instructive

The use of this word in both verb and noun forms in the papyri is most informative and instructive. In a papyrus dated 3 A.D., containing a large number of chemical formulae, we read of the *testing out* of gold, *chrusou dokimasia*. Another papyrus dated 56 B.C., gives us information about a

man named Orsenuphis, who was a *food inspector*, and bore the official title of *dokimasteis*. We note also the record (126 A.D.) of Hadrian having commended to the Senate in Ephesus a sea-captain named Lucius Erastus, who wished to become a Senator. Emperor Hadrian states that if Lucius is *approved* (*dokimasia*) he himself will pay the fee. In an official letter dealing with a judicial situation, the writer says: "His excellency the Epistrategus *shall sift* (*dokimasei*) the matter with the utmost equity." And in another document, an official writes to a fellow-magistrate, saying: "After *careful inquiry* (*dokimasis*) you may write to me whether it is so."

"Proving and Approving"

The step from "proving" to "approving" in the meaning of the word was taken long before any of the existing documents were written, so that any seeming ambiguity in the records we have today, including the uses of the term in the Scriptures, is based upon the normal co-existing usages. So in the earliest known marriage contract dated 310 B.C., differences between a husband and wife are to be settled by a panel of three men "whom both (husband and wife) *shall approve* (*dokimadzousin*)". In a papyrus dated 140 A.D., a plea for exemption from certain public services is put forward in behalf of physicians who have "passed the examinations" like the petitioner (*dokimasmenoi*). Another document has a reference to the examination necessary to qualify for the medical profession and the certificate of character given to those who so qualified. In an Oxyrynchus papyrus of 2 A.D. there is a letter from a man to a government official concerned with the case of a girl against whom a plot has been discovered, which reads: "I am therefore informing you in order that if you *think it fit* (*ean dokimaseis*) you may act before she is entrapped." And a man writes to a friend in A.D. 266, and says: "*Having found* (*dokimasisa*) that my own brother will honorably protect the child."

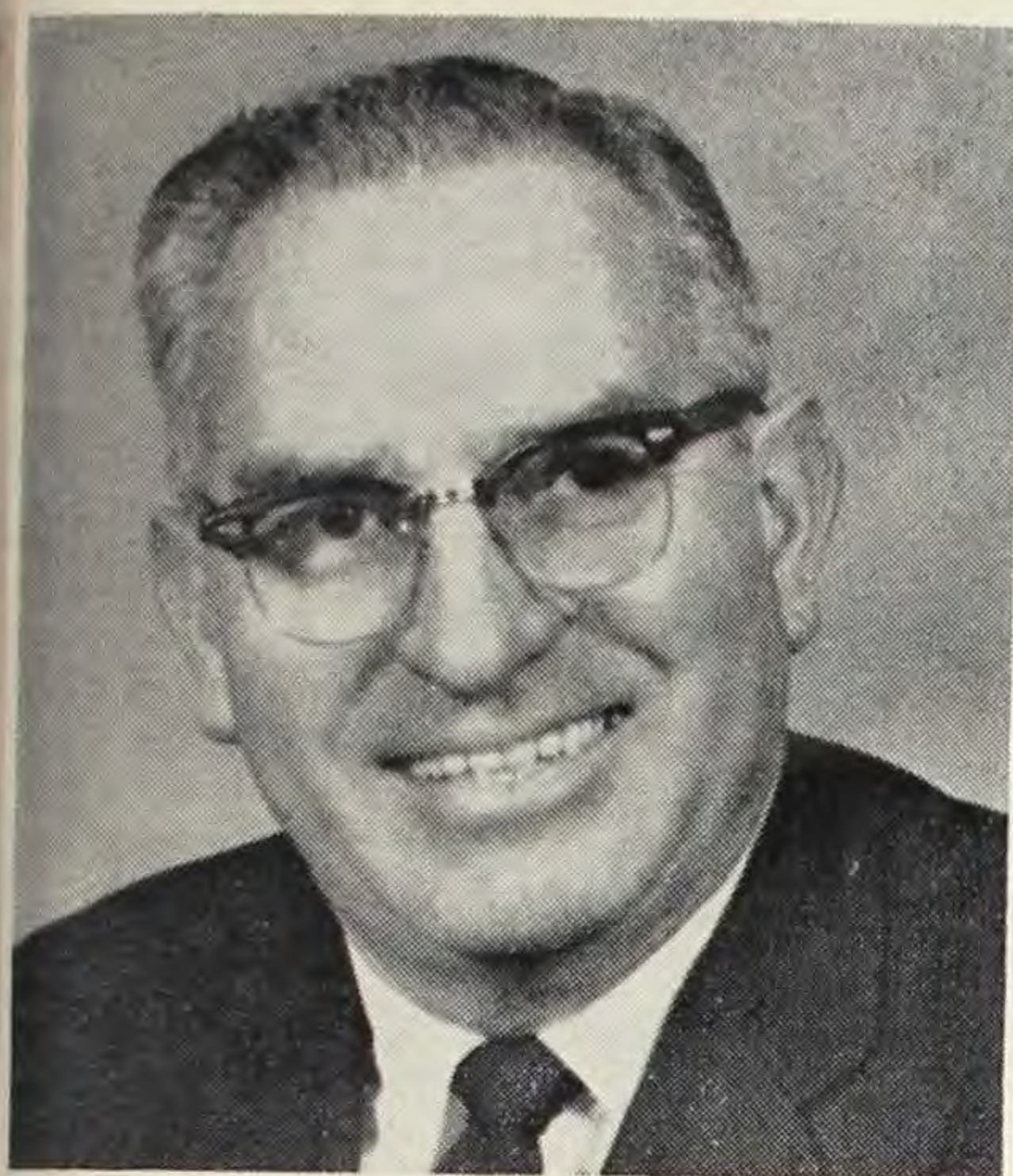
This then is the word used in the New Testament to describe a putting to the proof and resultant approval or disapproval. Paul says to the Corinthians as recorded in II Cor. 8:22, concerning the brother who accompanied Titus (and whose name is not known), "And we have sent with them our brother whom we *have often-times proved* (*hon edokimasamen*) diligent in many things. . ."

Here is a brother un-named and unknown, who nevertheless was proved diligent, earnest, and trustworthy on many occasions, hence could be approved by Paul and others. This is a good recommendation for any believer in any day — "he has been proved trustworthy and true, and thus can be used."

In Rom. 14:22, the word is used again by Paul in a statement of great significance. The Apostle says in the second clause of vs. 22: "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he *alloweth* (lit. "puts to the test," *dokimadzei*). Blessed indeed is the man who does not condemn himself in doing something he has tested out and found to be wrong. We dare not throw down a stumblingblock in the path of someone else (vs. 20-21) by engaging in some act proved to be wrong, even though it may not do any particular injury to ourselves. And it is always good never to trust our own judgment alone in these matters, but always to go to the Word of God and get God's judgment in such cases. God's judgments are there, either in specific instruction or in definite principle. In I Thess. 2:4, we note that we have been "allowed of God (*dedokimasmetha hupo tou theou*) to be put in trust with the gospel. . ." Believers have been approved by God to be entrusted with the great sacred Gospel message and with the mission of using it to point out to men the way of salvation, and the life which true Christians must live.

Proven Through Fire!

Peter tells us this proving may come to us "through fire," i.e. severe and rugged testing. It will come to all of us although we do not know exactly what form or forms it will take. It is for the purpose of determining the value to be placed upon our faith, and to refine that genuineness in our faith which is so essential. And in such days as these, when all around us there is theological confusion, moral collapse, and spiritual decadence, we must never cease to constantly put to the test our whole life and experience, and the countless things that are a part of our daily living, examining them closely, scrutinizing them, proving them, and making the right diagnosis of them. If they are good and proper we may endorse them and approve them. If they are not good and proper, or if they are such as may harmfully affect others — then we are bound to disapprove them and to let them alone.



D. DAIN CANTERBURY —

"An evangelistic meeting was being conducted in the Fundamental Baptist Church of Lester, West Virginia. During these meetings there were many sinners who responded to the call of the Saviour. My brother and I were two of these!"

Training was gained in industrial and management schools, short term Bible Schools and various supervised and personal courses. For years he taught as a Sunday School teacher and served as a Deacon in the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church of Beckley, West Va. He has served as a licensed minister since 1955 and at one time was on the staff of the Appalachian Bible Institute, Bradley, West Va.

The Canterburys undertook their present work in the Fairfield Baptist Church of Thurston, Ohio in November of 1964. Pastor Canterbury reports blessing. There have been marked signs of growth both numerically and spiritually. The church building has been made more attractive. A forced-air heating unit has been installed, the sanctuary floor has been carpeted and the basement of the building was partitioned with movable panels. The church budget has increased 40%. (\$6,000 to \$10,000). This was as of 1967. The new budget for 1968 is \$11,000. The Lord is working in many different ways!

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ROY J. CLARK — B.A., B.D., Th.M.

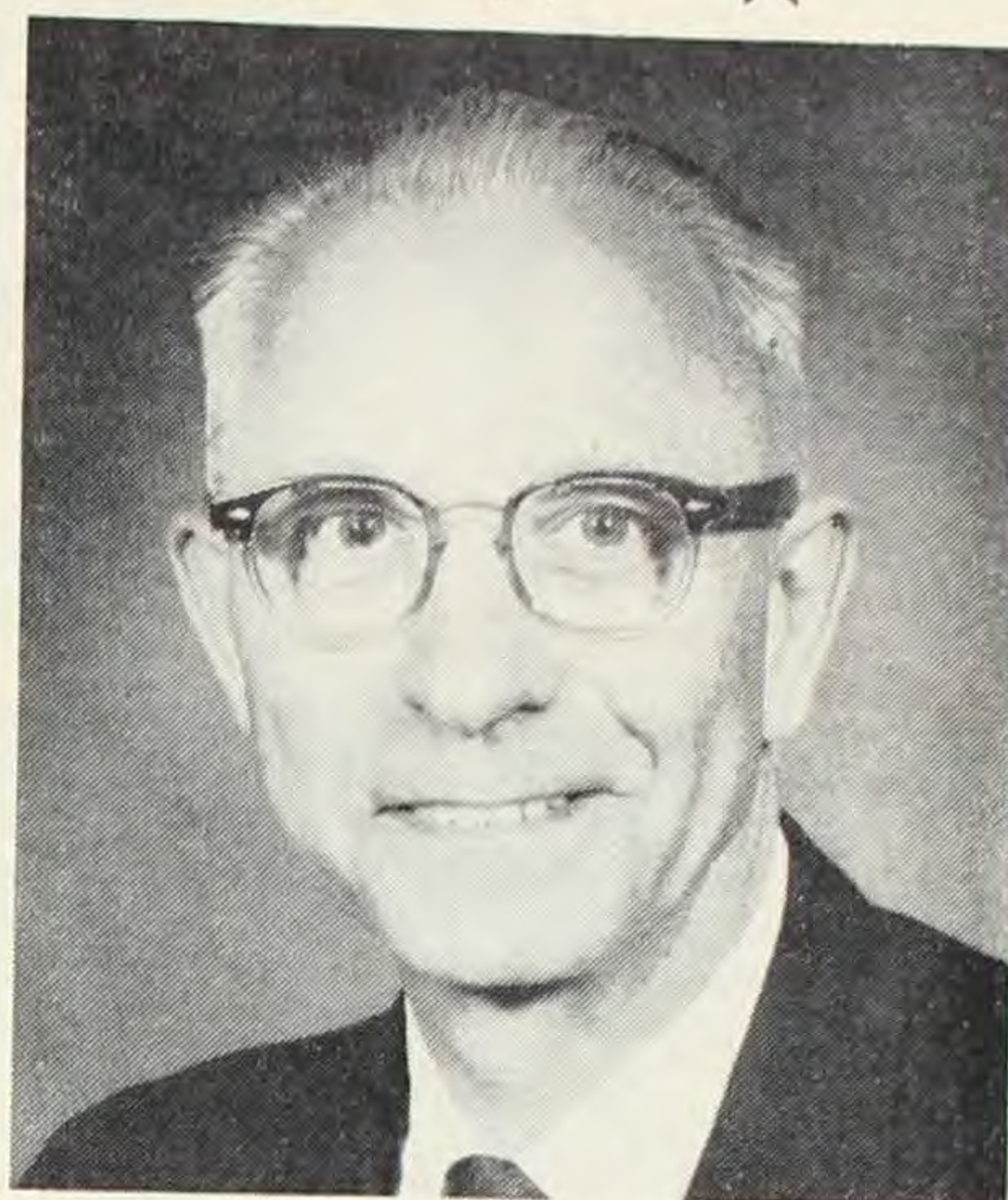
Concerning his salvation, our brother states the following. . . "Converted at the age of 12 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, under the ministry of Clayton E. Bacon."

He received his training for Christian service at Bryan College and Grace Theological Seminary.

Currently he serves as pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland and has held this position for the past eleven years. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Baptist Christian School, Cleveland, President of the Board of Directors for the Erieside Bible Conference and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland Hebrew Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. Clark have three children. They are James — 13, Ronald — 11, and David — 5.

As to their present work, Brother Clark writes . . . "We moved into our new \$200,000 building in 1965 and rejoice in the facilities God has given us for worship. The building is the summer home of the Erieside Bible Conference and also houses the Upper School of our Baptist Christian School. We are 1500 feet from Interstate 271 and in the midst of apartment projects that are rapidly being built. We look to the Lord as we seek to evangelize this part of Cleveland."



ANDREW J. MARSTELLER —

This dear brother was seriously ill with Tuberculosis. It seemed quite certain that he would die. At the time, he was twenty years of age. It was during this difficult period that he made a covenant with the Lord. "Show me the way out and I'll serve Thee." The Lord heard those words and spared his life. Faithful to his vow, our brother has served the Lord through the years.

Married and with three young children, he and his wife moved to New York State where he studied at Practical Bible Training School. With no visible income, but with the firm conviction that the Lord was leading, they completed their training at P.B.T.S. Of these years, he writes. . . "These were miracle years."

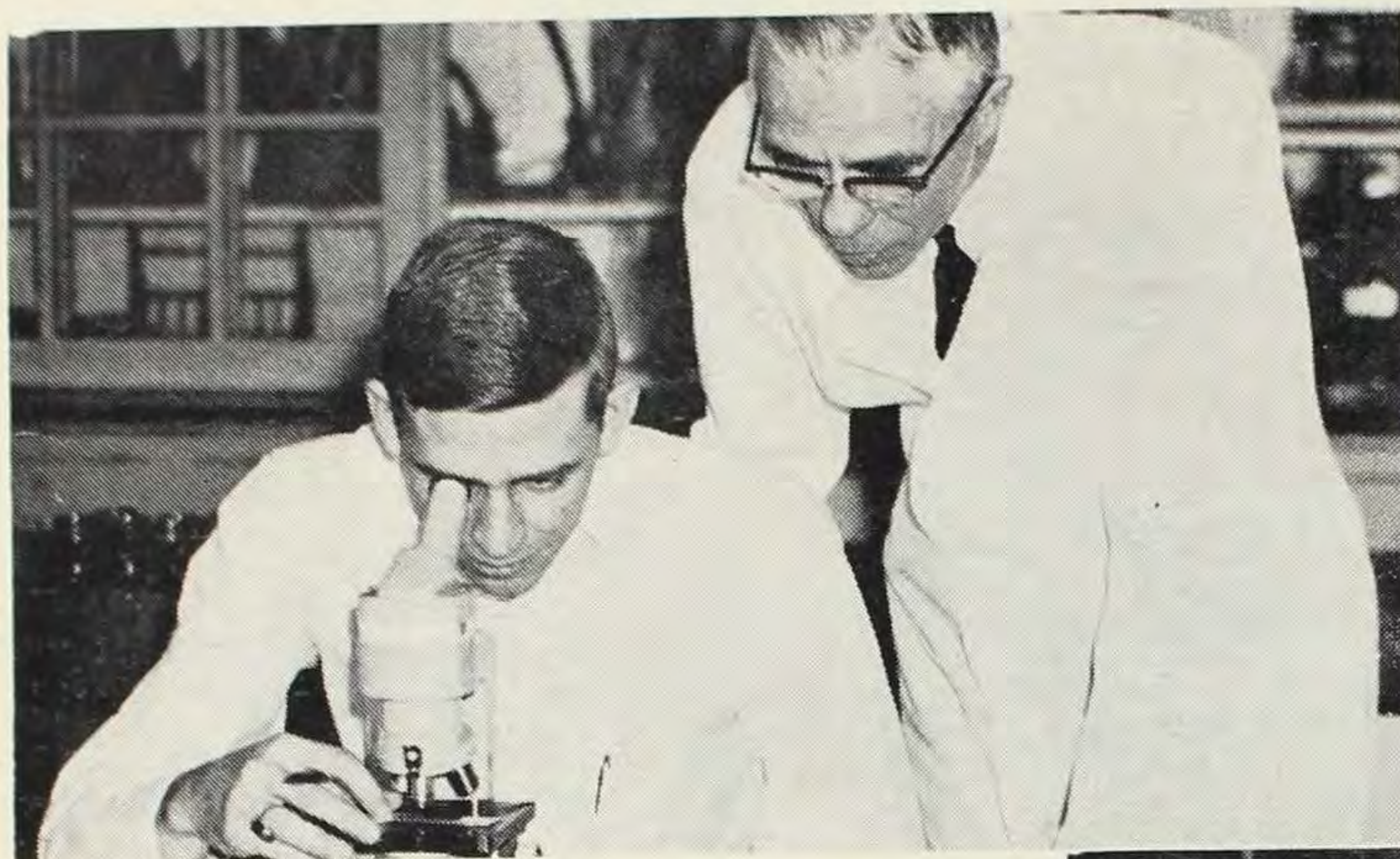
While at school, he served the Twin Orchards Community Church, Vestal, New York. Later he accepted a call to the Struthers Baptist Tabernacle where he ministered for 26 years. During that time, 65 young people went out into the Lord's service, three Bible Study classes were conducted and two branch churches started.

Presently Brother Marsteller is pastoring a new work — the Poland Village Baptist Church. They are meeting in the Struthers High School. Land has been purchased and plans are to start building some time this year. The Lord is blessing.

Rev. and Mrs. Marsteller's children are all grown up. Their oldest son Glenn is active in a Baptist Church in San Diego, California. Their second son, Paul is a missionary pilot with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil. Their third son, David is pastoring the Trinity Baptist Church in Cortland, Ohio.

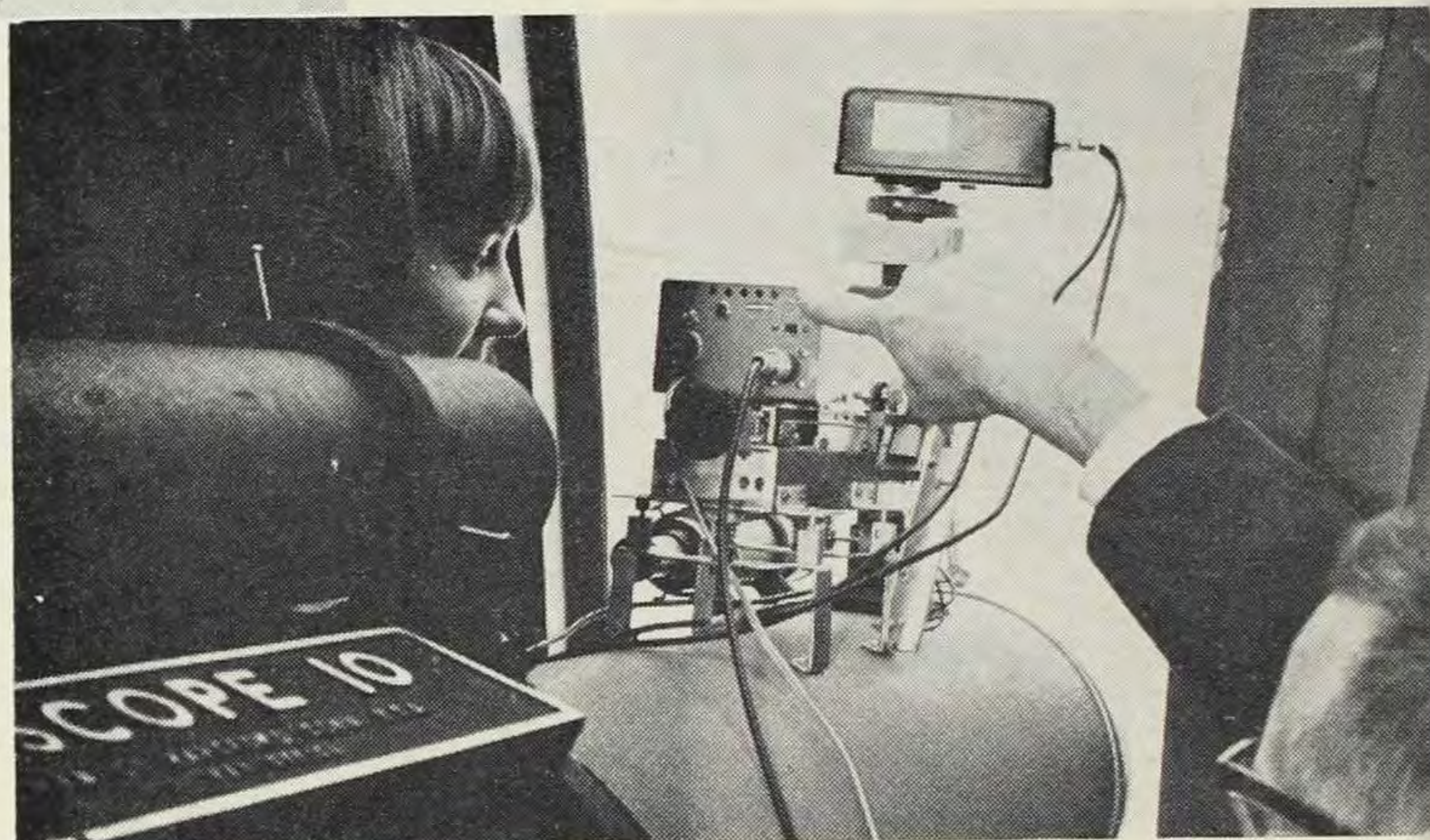
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